

## Message Text

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ACTION PM-04

INFO OCT-01 EA-09 ISO-00 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15 MC-02 ACDA-10  
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FM AMEMBASSY TAIPEI  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2579

UNCLAS TAIPEI 882

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: MASS, TW  
SUBJECT: RELEASE OF F-5 MOU OF 9 FEB 1973

FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT ACTION CHMAAG TAIPEI INFO CINCPAC  
HONOLULU HI JCS WASHDC FROM SECDEF WASHDC 10 FEB 77 (102337Z  
FEB 77) REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO:

QUOTE  
UNCLAS 7908  
FROM DSAA/TC  
SUBJ: RELEASE OF F-5 MOU OF 9 FEB 1973

1. THE MILITARY AUDIT PROJECT, A NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION,  
REQUESTS A COPY OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE  
GOVERNMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA SIGNED 9 FEB 1973 RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF F-5E  
AIRCRAFT AND THE CO-ASSEMBLY/CO-PRODUCTION OF F-5E AIRCRAFT IN  
TAIWAN UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA). THE FOIA  
(5 U.S.C. SECTION 552) REQUIRES DSAA TO PROVIDE REQUESTED  
RECORDS FROM ITS FILES UNLESS THE DOCUMENTS ARE PROPERLY AND  
CURRENTLY CLASSIFIED IN THE INTEREST OF NATIONAL DEFENSE OR  
FOREIGN POLICY OR UNLESS THEY COME UNDER OTHER SPECIFIED  
EXEMPTIONS.

2. DSAA DENIED RELEASE OF REQUESTED MOU WITH ANNEXES A-E  
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BECAUSE IT IS CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL BY HQ MAAG, TAIPEI,  
TAIWAN.

3. MILITARY AUDIT PROJECT APPEALED REFUSAL TO RELEASE MOU ON  
BASIS THAT THE INFORMATION IS NOT COVERED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER  
11652, SECTION 4(C) AND THAT 5 U.S.C. 552(B)(1) DOES NOT  
APPLY SINCE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED WAS CONTRIBUTED BY AN

AMERICAN CORPORATION AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

4. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE ROCG OF THIS SITUATION SINCE IT IS A JOINT SIGNATORY OF MOU AND DETERMINE WHETHER A BASIS EXISTS UNDER THE FOIA FOR NOT RELEASING THIS MOU.

6. YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS ON CONTINUED CLASSIFICATION ARE REQUIRED BY DSAA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NO LATER THAN 16 FEBRUARY. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONTINUED CLASSIFICATION OF ANY MATERIAL MUST BE ON AN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH BASIS AND MUST STATE REASON THAT PARAGRAPH IS CONSIDERED CLASSIFIED. IN THE ABSENCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONTINUED CLASSIFICATION THIS DOCUMENT IS RELEASABLE AND MUST BE CONSIDERED PUBLIC INFORMATION.

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